

praying for a special act of insolvency; which were read and referred to Messrs. Barney, Kennedy and Bowles.

Mr. Darne presents a petition from Samuel Sprigg, of Montgomery county; read and referred to the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims.

On motion by Mr. Bowles. ORDERED, That the committee of ways and means be instructed to enquire into the expediency of laying a tax of _____ per centum on the amount of fees received by the several clerks and registers of the different counties of this state.

On motion by Mr. Bowles. ORDERED, That the chief clerk be directed to write to the clerks of the commissioners of the county tax of each county, and to the clerk of the commissioners of the city of Baltimore, requesting them to furnish this house immediately an amount of the aggregate sum of the assessable property in their respective counties.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 11, 1821.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate will be prepared to go into the election of the executive council at eleven o'clock this morning.

No additional nomination is made in this house. Messrs. Chambers and Kent are appointed to unite with the gentlemen named by you to count the ballots.

By order,

THOMAS ROGERS, Clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year,

On motion by Mr. Millard the question was put that the blank therein be filled up with \$534.

The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE

Messrs. Millard, Harris, Marriott, Brown, Dalrymple, Weems, Garner, Rogerson, J. Forrest, Culver, Carroll, Hughes, Meconkin, Nicholson, Stevens, Barney, Darne, Riggs, Duval.—19.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs.—Dorsey, Llewellyn, Maddox, Stewart, Smith, Jenifer, Edelen, Orrick, Showers, Snowden, Loockerman, Nabb, Martin, F. Kemp, Ballard, Waters, Sulivane, Griffith, Frazier, Travers, Archer, Williams, Maffitt, Craig, Chew, Moffet, A. Spence, Purnell, Riley, H. Kemp, Pigman, Culler, Bruce, Allen, Forwood, Norris, Whitford, Douglass, Whitely, Harcastle, Saulsbury, Bowles, Kershner, Sprigg, Hoffman, Greenwell, Watt.—47.

Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Forwood, the question was put that the blank be filled up with \$400.

Resolved in the affirmative. The bill was then passed and sent to the senate.

Mr. Orrick presents a petition from Dixon Stansbury, praying that the name of Maddison Smith Norris, may be changed to Stansbury; which was read and referred to Messrs. Orrick, Showers and Snowden.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor; the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired to the conference room to examine them, and after some time returned and reported that Israel D. Maulsby, Thomas H. Wilkinson, James Butcher, Nicholas Brewer and James Nabb, Esquires, were elected.

Whereupon Resolved, That Israel D. Maulsby, Thomas H. Wilkinson, James Butcher, Nicholas Brewer and James Nabb, Esquires be, and they are hereby declared to be the council to the governor for the ensuing year.

Mr. Kennedy reports a bill entitled, An act to incorporate the Baltimore Society for the Encouragement of Industry, and Mr. Bowles reports a bill entitled, an additional supplement to the Act entitled an act to erect a new market house in Hager's-town, in Washington county, which were read.

On motion by Mr. Nabb, Leave given to bring in a bill entitled, a supplement to an Act entitled, an act to provide for the organization and regulation of the courts of common law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein. Ordered, That Messrs. Nabb, A. Spence and Loockerman report the same.

Mr. Barney presents a memorial from Doctor James Smith, soliciting an expression of the opinion of the legislature as to the manner in which he has discharged his duties as agent of the Vaccine Institution; which was read and referred to Messrs. Barney, Kennedy and Dorsey.

The speaker announced the following committees in pursuance of an order of yesterday.

On internal improvements, Messrs. Kennedy, Wever, Forwood, Maffitt, Whitely, Darne, Sulivane.

On the situation of the public buildings, Messrs. Marriott, Stevens, Dalrymple, Garner and Griffith.

On the propriety of building an arsenal or gun house, Messrs. Bruce, Carroll, Saulsbury, Darne and Ballard.

On the claims against the general government, Messrs. Julius Forrest, Frazier, A. Spence, Rogerson and Millard.

On the Lancasterian system of education, Messrs. Barney, Pigman, Nabb, Dorsey and Sulivane.

Mr. Orrick reports a bill entitled, An act to alter and change the name of Madison Smith Norris, to that of Madison Smith Stansbury; which was read the first and second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Moffet presents a petition from Mary Parker, of Queen Ann's county, praying for a divorce